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TO AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

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TAGS: MASS, MY

SUBJ: MALAYSIAN REQUEST FOR F-5 ARMAMENTS

REF: A. STATE 032783 B. KUALA LUMPUR 0756

1. DEPARTMENT REFERRED MALAYSIAN REQUEST (REF A) TO DOD FOR INFORMATION ON WHICH TO BASE REPLY TO EMBASSY. FOLLOWING SUMMARIZES DOD RESPONSE.

(A) SIDEWINDERS. AIM 9 J IS IMPROVED VERSION OF AIM 9 E. USAF HAS INDICATED ITS SUPPORT FOR MALAYSIAN REQUEST AND HAS SPONSORED EXCEPTION TO NDP (GRANTED APRIL 13) IN CONNECTION WITH PROPOSED SALE OF AIM 9 J TO MALAYSIA.

(B) CBU/ BLU. CBU IS NAME FOR CLUSTER MUNITION DESIGNED TO CONTAIN A NUMBER OF SUB- MUNITIONS (OR " BOMBLETS") CALLED BLU. THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 20 DIFFERENT TYPES OF CBU CURRENTLY IN AIR FORCE INVENTORY, SOME OF WHICH ARE CLASSIFIED. BLU NAPALM SERIES ARE NOT RELEASABLE TO GOM UNDER PRESENT POLICY.

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2. DEPARTMENT INFORMALLY ADVISED MALAYSIAN EMBASSY THAT THERE APPEARED TO BE NO MAJOR OBSTACLES TO SALE ABOVE ITEMS TO MALAYSIA, EXCEPT FOR PROHIBITION AGAINST NAPALM. WE SUGGESTED AS NEXT STEP THAT GOM MAKE FORMAL REQUEST BY DIPLOMATIC NOTE TO PURCHASE SPECIFIC AMOUNTS OF WEAPONS

DESIRED, THUS MAKING IT REGULAR FMS CASE. IN CASE OF CBU/ BLU WE SUGGESTED MALAYSIAN MILITARY ATTACHE GET IN TOUCH DIRECTLY WITH USAF MILITARY SALES STAFF TO ASCERTAIN WHICH TYPE MOST APPROPRIATE FOR GOM REQUIREMENTS.

3. MALAYSIAN EMBASSY EXPRESSED GRATITUDE FOR ASSISTANCE AND SAID THEY REFERRING ENTIRE MATTER TO MINDEF FOR GUIDANCE. MALAYSIAN MILITARY ATTACHE INFORMED EA/ IMS APRIL 23 THAT GOM UNABLE TO MAKE SELECTION BECAUSE OF INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION. HE SAID GOM NOW REQUESTING QUOTE TOS AND LITERATURE END QUOTE ON AIM 9- J AND CBU/ BLU THROUGH USDAO KUALA LUMPUR. CABLE DID NOT CALL FOR ANY FURTHER ACTION ON PART OF MALAYSIAN EMBASSY.

4. IN OUR EFFORTS TO FOLLOW UP ON THIS MATTER WITH DOD, WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT NOTHING HAS YET BEEN RECEIVED THROUGH USDAO KUALA LUMPUR ON THIS SUBJECT.

5. IN VIEW OF OUR INTEREST IN SUPPORTING F-5 SALES, WOULD APPRECIATE REPORT OF PRESENT STATUS THIS MATTER IN KUALA LUMPUR, PLUS ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS (INCLUDING DEFINITION OF " TOS" IN PARA 3 ABOVE). ROGERS

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